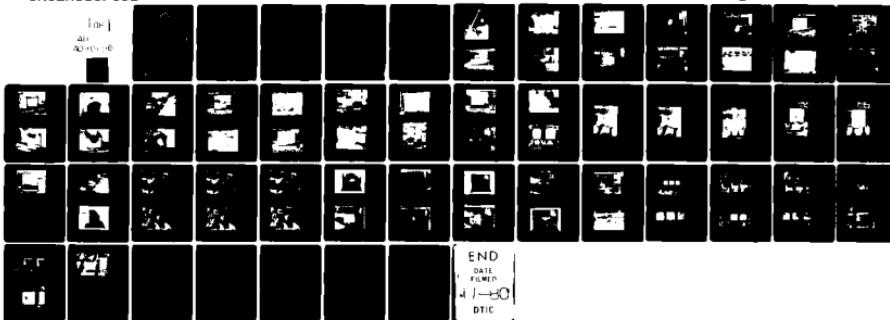


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## I. INTRODUCTION.

### Authority and Scope.

This study is authorized by AFRCE-SAC letter dated 22 February 1978 and MRDED-M 1st Ind dated 23 February 1978.

The scope of the study includes testing of various materials to determine their effectiveness in preventing complete penetration of a single 7.62 mm NATO round, fired from a distance of 125 feet. As an added item of interest, additional 4-shot bursts were fired at the same spot to determine what effect this would have on the materials.

### Background and Purpose.

The Air Force is currently upgrading their security requirements in the Weapons Storage Areas (WSA) and the Aircraft Alert Areas (AAA) at various Air Force Bases. A portion of this upgrading requires hardening of walls to meet the criteria presented above. Although there are many reports of this type, covering testing of various materials, they do not fit the immediate criteria required for these projects.

The purpose of this report is to determine the adequacy of the hardening criteria furnished by the Air Force, and to produce economies of design where the criteria could be reduced.

## II. DISCUSSION.

The wall sections and steel plates used for testing were prepared under the supervision of the Missouri River Division Laboratory. Appendix A indicates the materials and procedures used in preparing the sections and plates. Test samples were delivered to the Eastern Nebraska Gun Club range by Operations Division Maintenance Base of Omaha District, Corps of Engineers.

### III. TEST PROCEDURE.

The procedure followed for the tests was as follows:

- a. Photograph original wall samples.
- b. Fire a single shot at each section.
- c. Photograph effect of the shot on the section.
- d. Fire additional 4-shot burst at same spot on wall sections.
- e. Photograph effect of total of five (5) shots.

A plastic 12" X 12" grid with 1/2" squares was used to record size of hole and spalls. A depth meter was used to measure depth of penetration, where applicable.

### IV. SUMMARY.

A. The following materials failed under one shot:

1. 4-inch brick.
2. 4, 6, and 8-inch CMU without grout fill.
3. 8 pieces of glass bonded together to form 2-inch thick (+ or -) sample.
4. 1/4-inch mild steel.
5. 1/4-inch hardened steel (see Appendix A).
6. 3/8-inch hardened steel (see Appendix A).

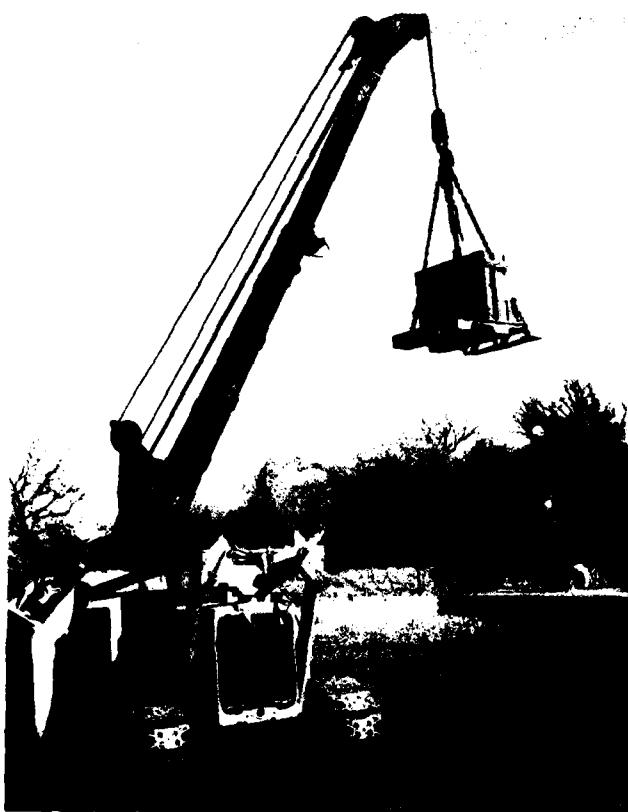
B. The following materials or wall sections did not fail:

1. 12-inch CMU without fill.
2. 6-2-6 CMU-CMU cavity wall without fill.
3. 4-2-6 brick-CMU cavity wall without fill.
4. 8-inch concrete walls.
5. All wall sections with one or both wythes filled with grout.

6. Two 1/4-inch thick pieces of A-36 steel separated by a 2-inch air space.
7. Two 3/8-inch thick pieces of A-36 steel separated by a 2-inch air space.
8. Two 1/2-inch thick pieces of A-36 steel separated by a 2-inch air space.
9. One 5/8-inch thick piece of A-36 steel.
10. One 3/4-inch thick piece of A-36 steel.
11. One 1/4-inch thick piece of hardened steel (Deep Air-Hardened Alloy Steel) manufactured by Astralloy-Vulcan Corporation. Brinell Hardness per MRD Laboratory = 356.
12. One 3/8-inch thick piece of hardened steel (Deep Air-Hardened Alloy Steel) manufactured by Astralloy-Vulcan Corporation. Brinell Hardness per MRD Laboratory = 299.

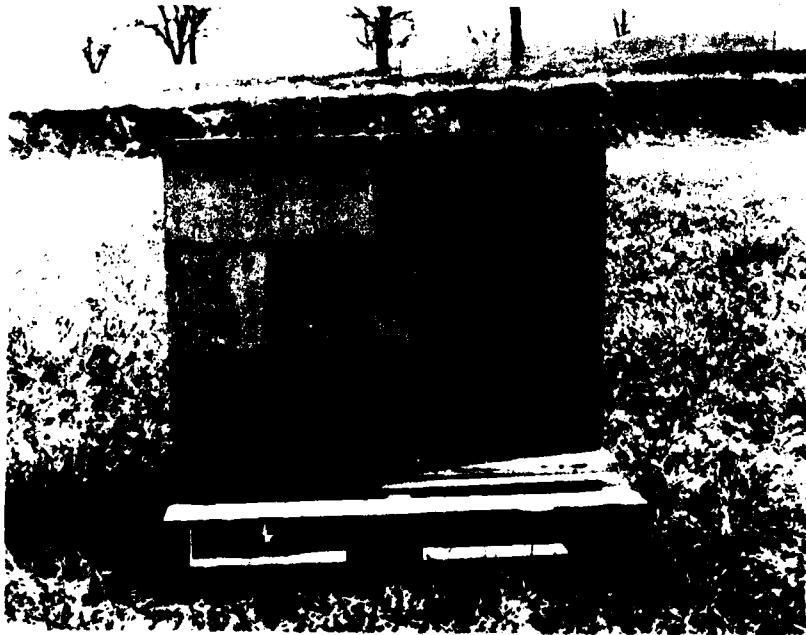
V. PHOTOGRAPHS.

NOTE: Number of picture corresponds to number on back of original photograph.



1-4. Wall Section being unloaded.

1-4



1-6. Wall #6. CMU-CMU cavity without grout fill.

1-6



1-16. Wall #6.  
First shot  
penetrated  
6-inch CMU.  
Did not pene-  
trate face  
shell of second  
CMU. Spall  
 $\pm$  2-1/2".  
Hole 1".

1-16



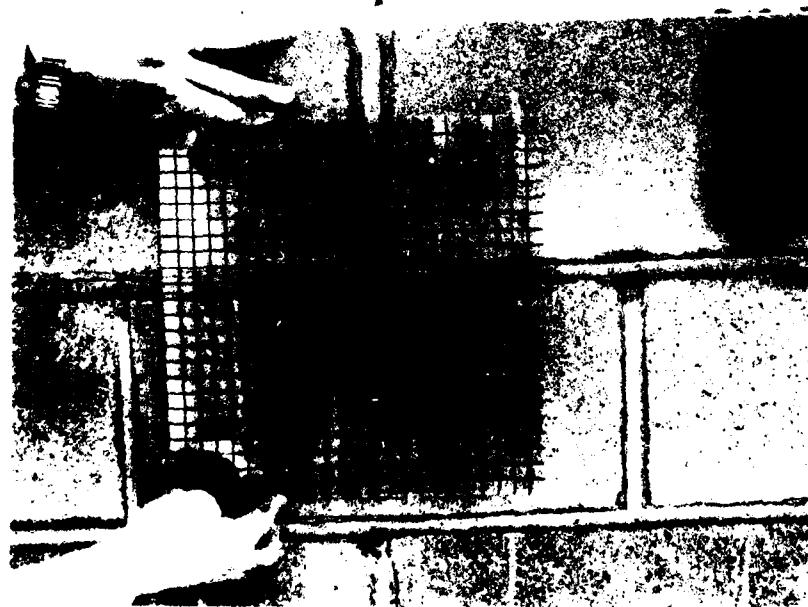
1-17. Wall #6.  
Additional  
4-shot burst  
penetrated first  
CMU and face  
shell of second  
CMU. Did not  
penetrate back  
shell of second  
CMU.

1-17



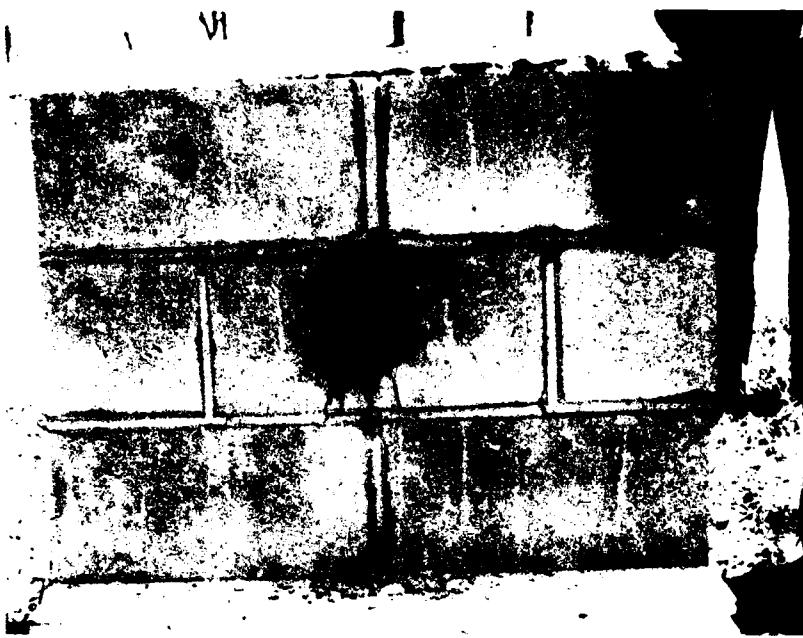
1-7. Wall #8.  
6-2-6 CMU-CMU  
Cavity Wall  
without grout  
fill.

1-7



1-18. Wall #8.  
First shot  
[see #2-19 and  
#2-20 also].  
Shot hit near  
web of CMU.  
Penetrated face  
shell of first  
CMU but did not  
penetrate back  
shell. Spall  
3-1/2 In. Dia.  
Hole 1 In. Dia.

1-18



1-20. Wall #8.  
4-shot burst  
penetrated  
first CMU and  
face shell of  
second CMU. Did  
not penetrate  
back shell of  
second CMU.

1-20



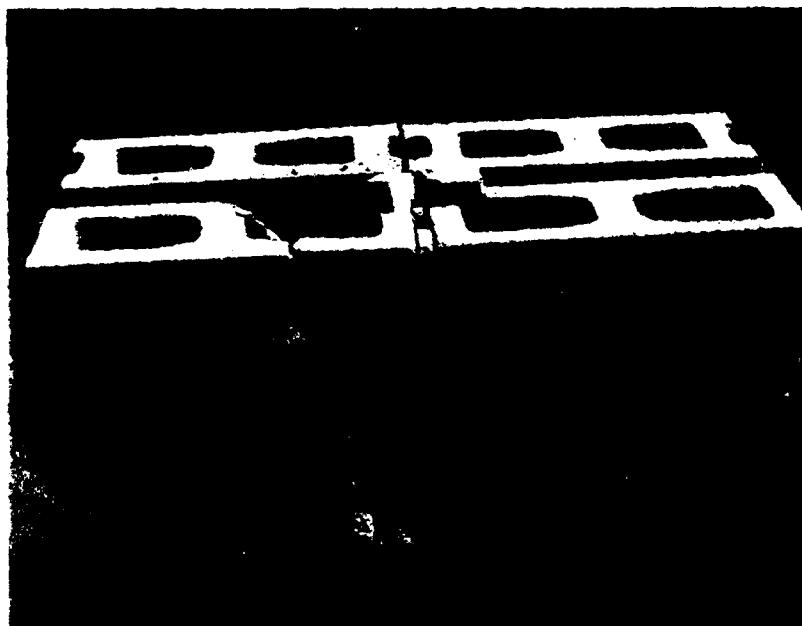
1-19. Wall #8. 4-shot  
burst shows  
crack in back  
shell of second  
CMU.

1-19



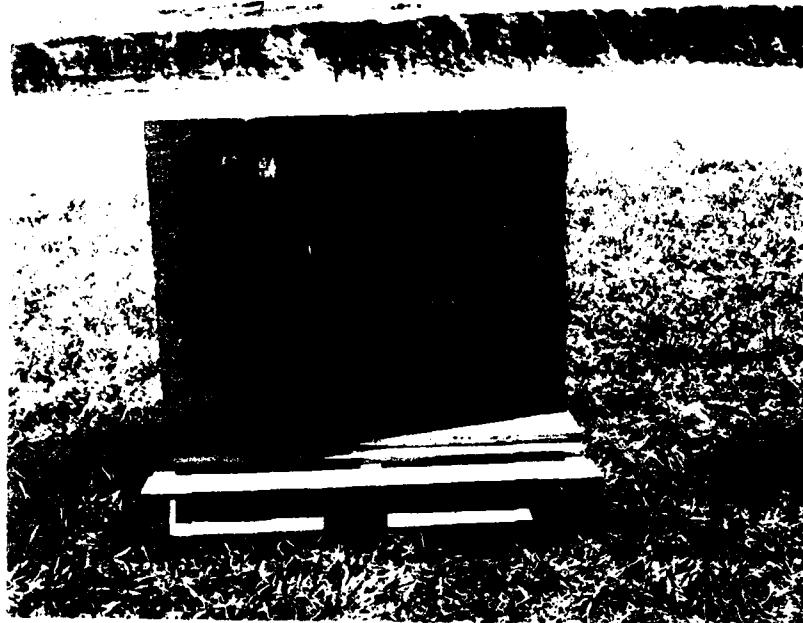
2-19. Wall #8.  
Single shot  
after 4-shot  
burst.  
[See 2-20.]

2-19



2-20. An additional  
shot was made  
at this wall  
in between webs.  
Penetrated first  
CMU but did not  
penetrate face  
shell of second  
CMU.

2-20



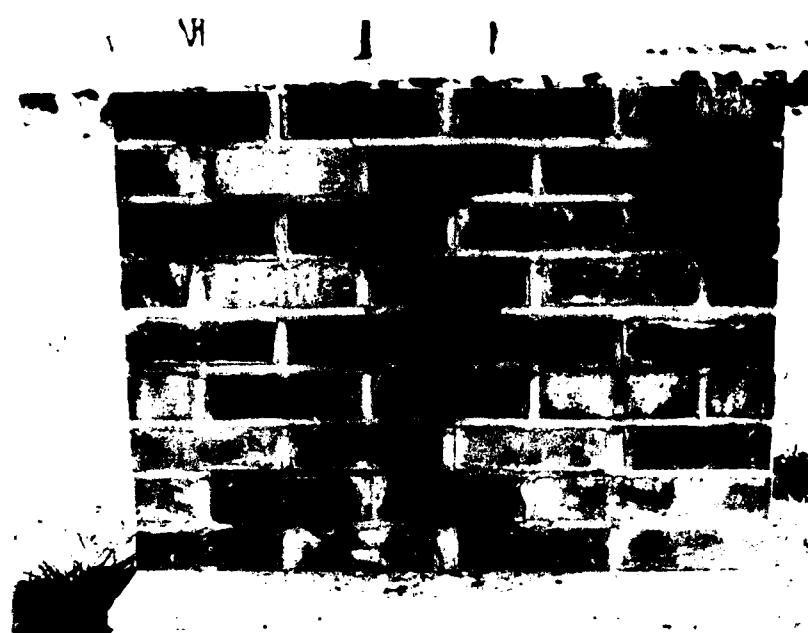
1-8. Wall #10.  
4-2-6 brick-CMU  
cavity wall with-  
out cells filled.

1-8



1-20 (colored).  
Wall #10. First  
shot penetrated  
brick causing a  
3-inch spall on  
back face of  
brick. It did  
not penetrate  
face shell of CMU.

1-20  
(colored)



2-2. Wall #10.  
4-shot burst.  
(See 2-1.)

2-2



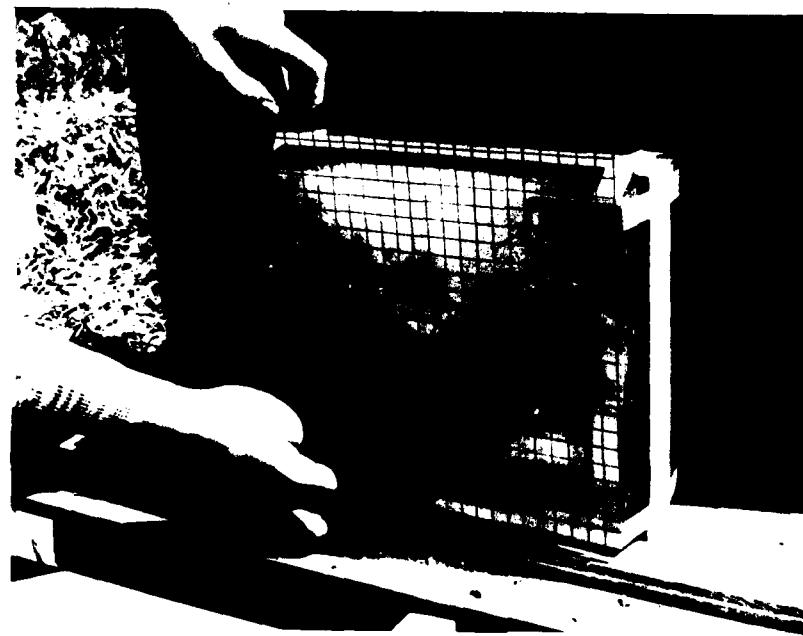
2-1. Penetrated  
brick and face  
shell of CMU.  
Cracked back  
shell of CMU.

2-1



2-3

2-3 Glass Sample.  
Sample consists of  
7 layers of float  
glass bound  
together by means  
of a transparent  
polyvinyl butyral  
plastic sheet  
between each layer  
of glass. The  
glass arrangement  
is 3/8 X 7/32 X 3/8  
X 7/32 X 7/32 X  
7/32 X 3/32.



2-4

2-4 Glass Sample.  
First shot.  
Penetrated approx.  
0.7 inch. Spall,  
3-inch. Hole,  
2-inch. Back of  
glass was spalled  
off.



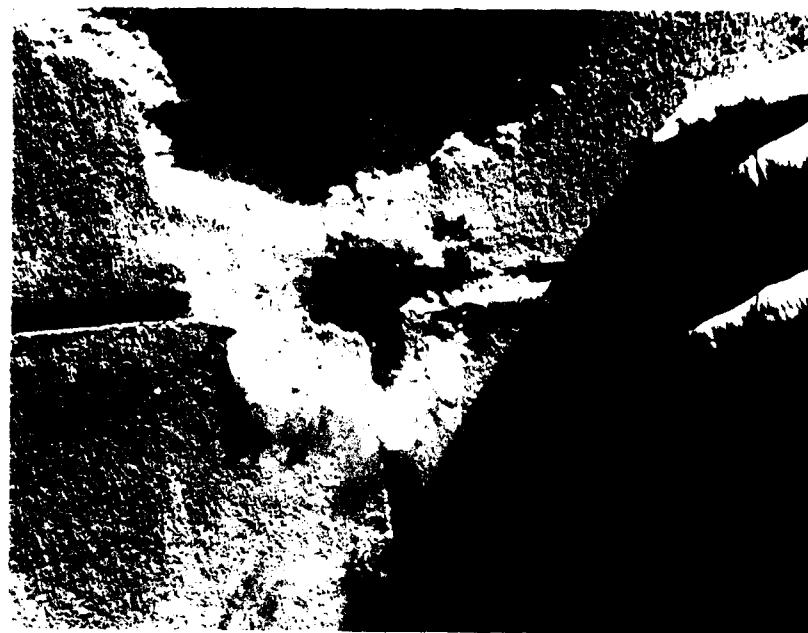
2-6. Glass sample.  
First Shot.  
Back of glass  
sample.

2-6



2-3. Glass Sample.  
Second shot at  
same spot.  
[See 2-9.]

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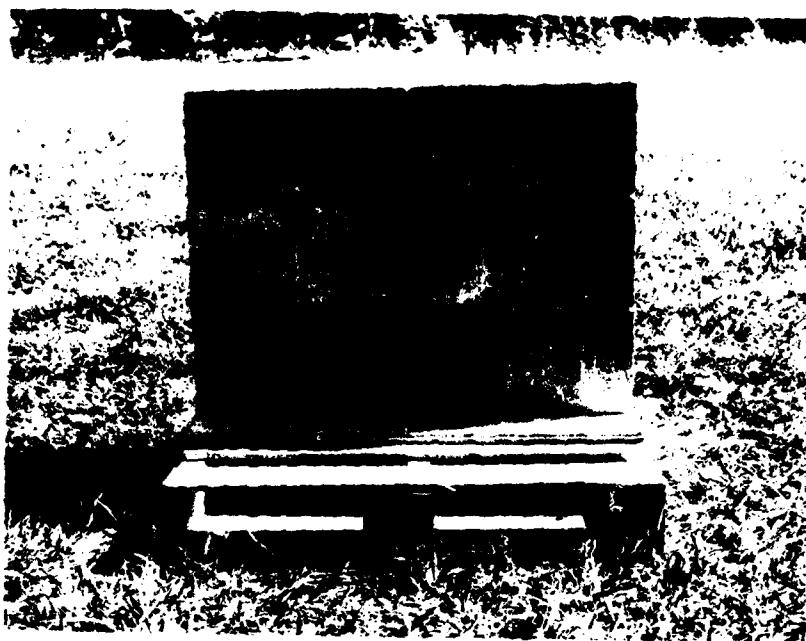
2-9. Penetrated  
glass and  
spalled concrete  
as indicated by  
pen.

2-9



2-10. Glass sample.  
Second shot.  
Back of glass  
sample.

2-10



1-9. Wall #7.  
6-2-6 CMU-CMU  
with both wythes  
filled with grout.

1-9



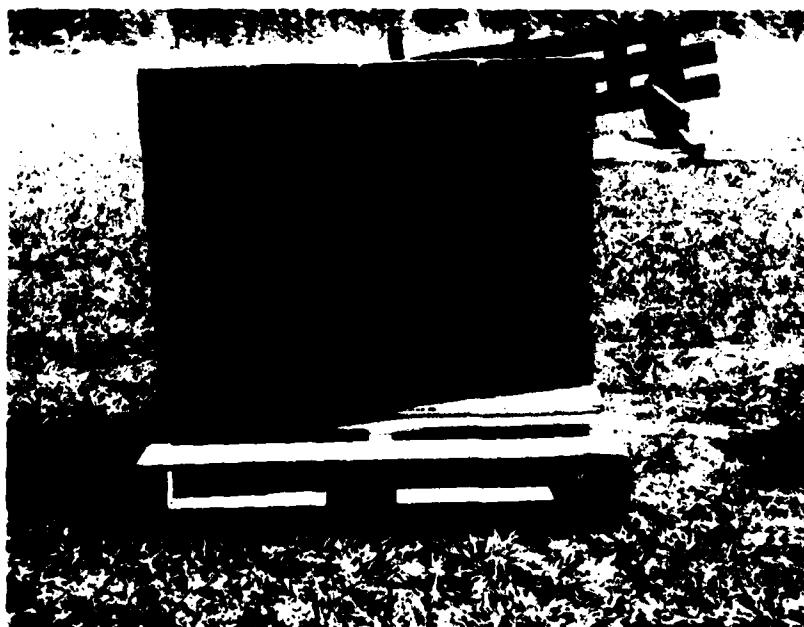
2-5. Wall #7. First  
Shot. Did not  
penetrate first  
wythe. Spall,  
4 inches. Hole,  
1 inch. Penetra-  
tion Depth, 2.025  
inches.

2-5



2-7. Wall #7.  
4-shot burst.  
Cracked back face  
of first CMU but  
did not penetrate.  
Spall, 6 inches.  
Depth, 2.530 in.

2-7



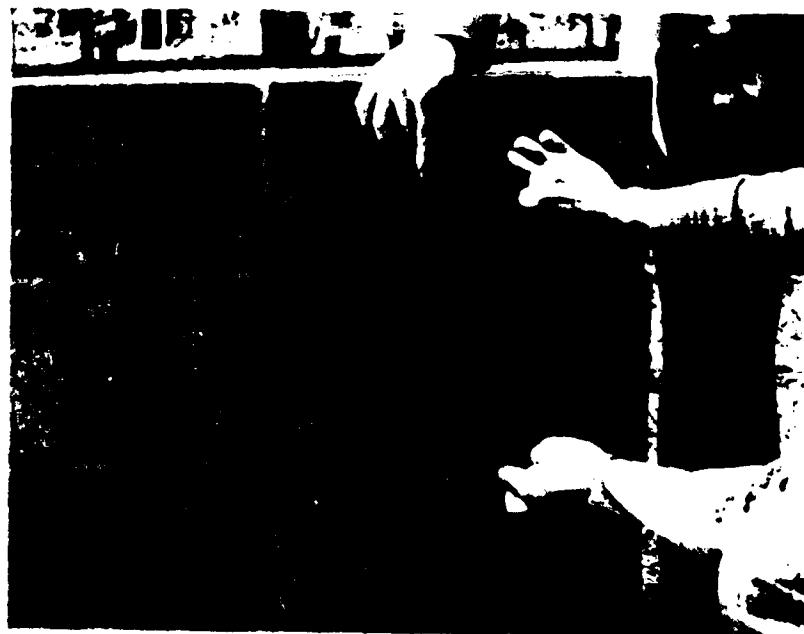
1-12. Wall #12.  
4-2-8 brick-CMU.  
No grout fill.

1-12



2-12. Wall #12.  
First shot.  
Penetrated  
brick, spalling  
off back face.  
Did not pene-  
trate face shell  
of CMU.  
Spall, 3 inches.

2-12



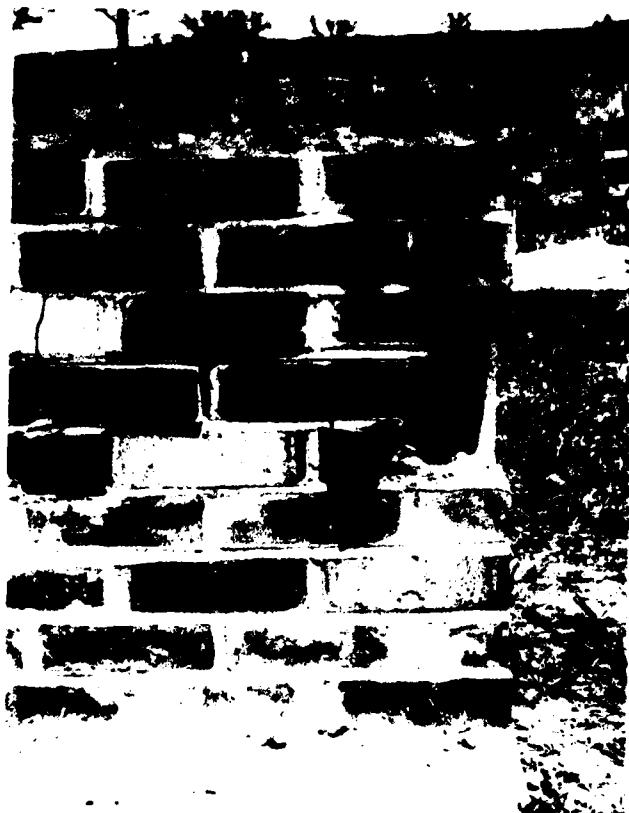
2-13. Wall #12.  
4-shot burst.  
Penetrated  
entire wall and  
threw concrete  
back approxi-  
mately 10 feet.

2-13



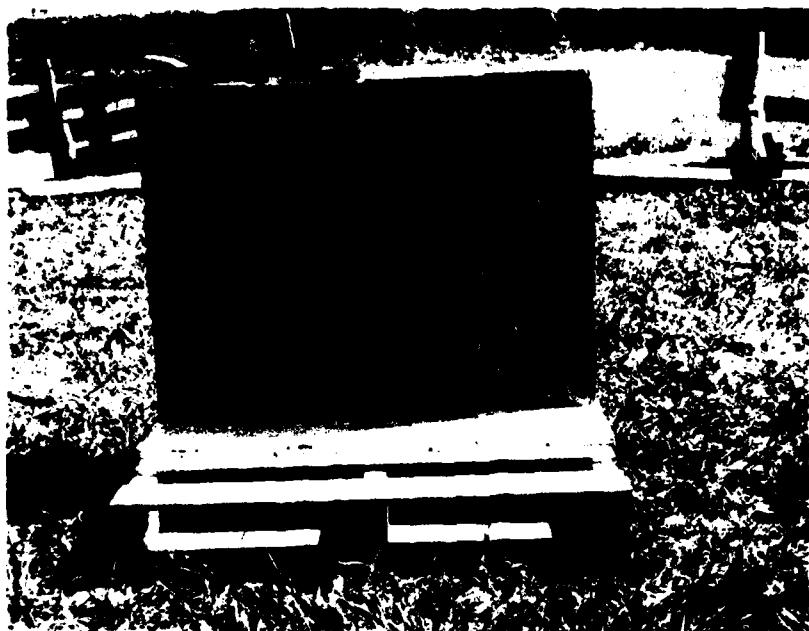
2-14. Wall #12.  
4-shot burst.  
Back of wall.  
Spall, 4-1/2 in.  
Shot at wall hit  
between webs  
which accounts  
for difference  
in shots at  
Wall #6.

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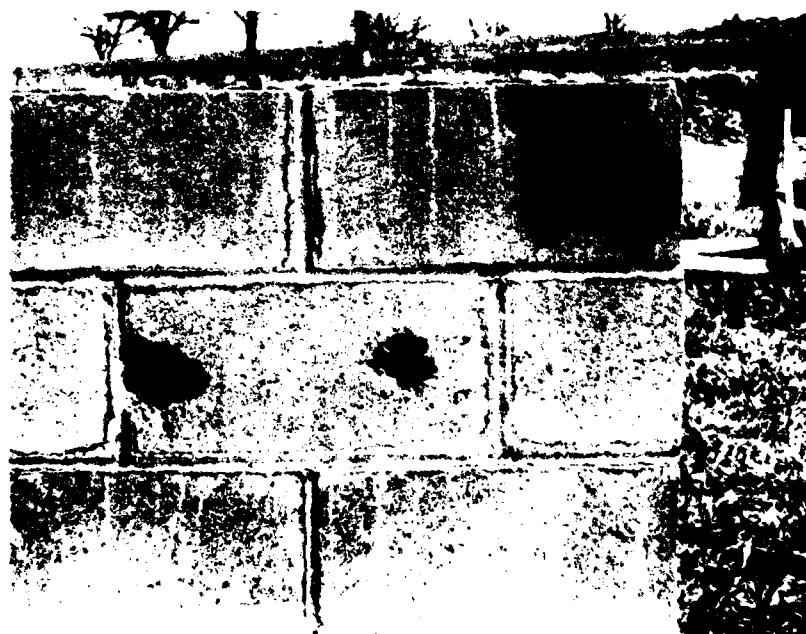
3-17. Wall #12.  
Single shot from  
75 feet. Hit  
near edge and  
broke out entire  
brick but did not  
penetrate face  
shell of CMU.

3-17



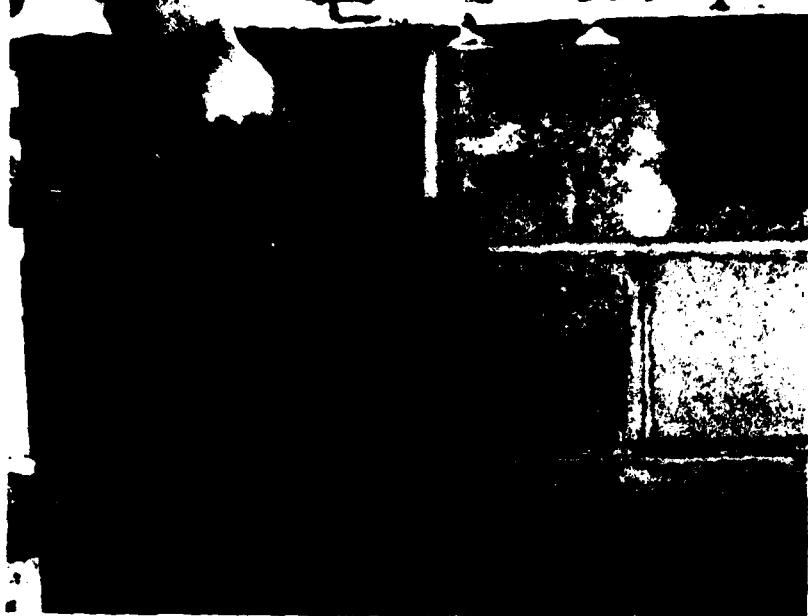
1-14. Wall #14.  
8-inch CMU.  
No grout.

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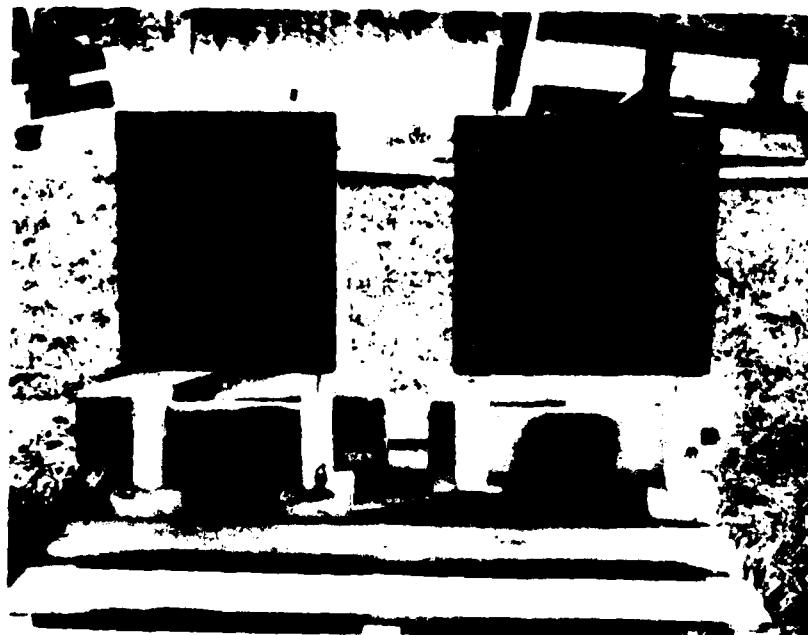
2-16. Wall #14.  
Two single  
shots approxi-  
mately 8 in.  
apart. First  
shot on left  
penetrated  
face shell but  
did not pene-  
trate back shell.  
This shot hit a  
portion of the  
web. Second  
shot hit between  
webs and pene-  
trated entire  
wall.

2-16



2-15. Wall #14.  
Shows back side  
of wall for  
second shot.  
Spall 3-1/2 in.

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1-15. Steel plates.  
#20, 3/8" thick  
hardened steel.  
#19, 1/4" thick  
hardened steel.

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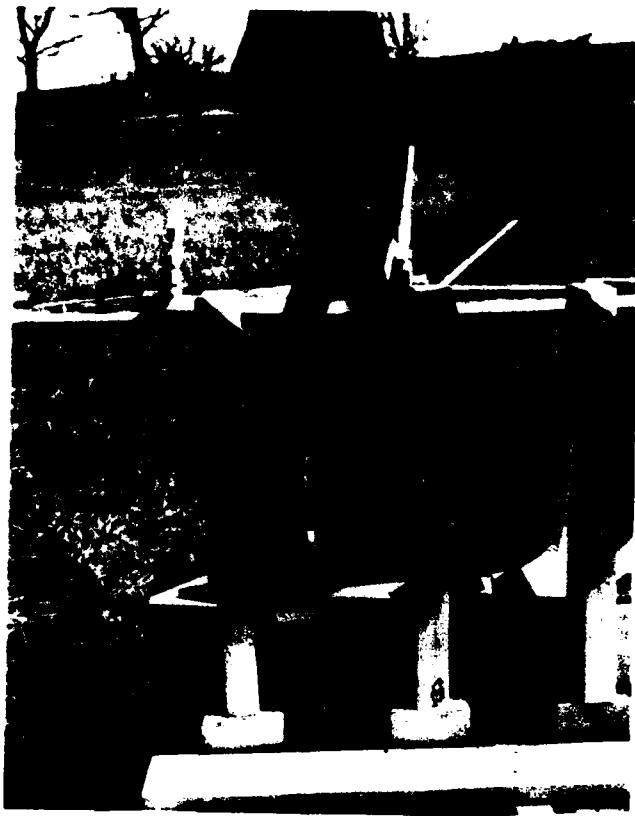
2-17. #19, piece of  
steel flew  
back 11'-7".

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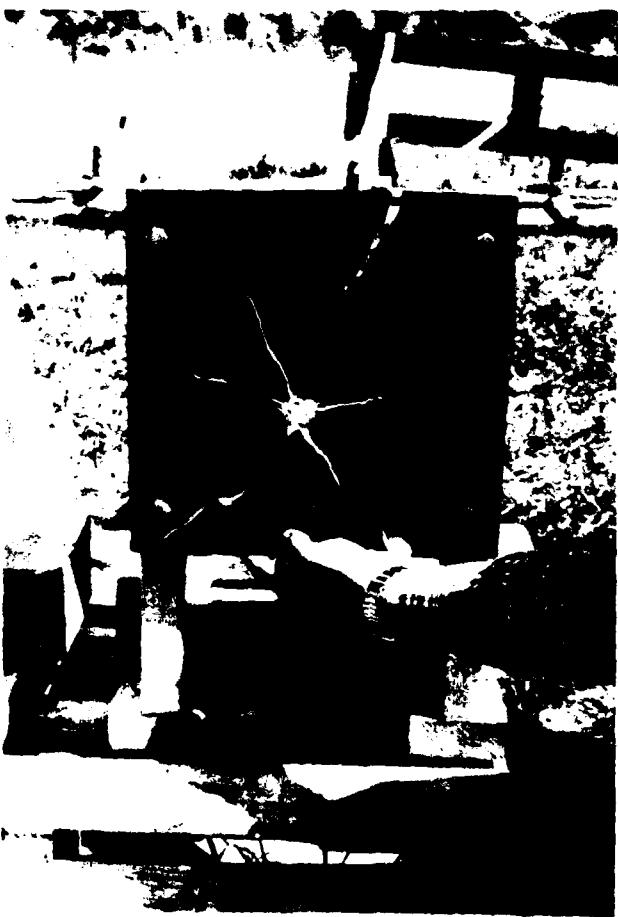
2-17. #19, piece of  
steel flew  
back 11'-7".

2-17



2-18. #20, steel  
shattered and  
threw metal  
back.

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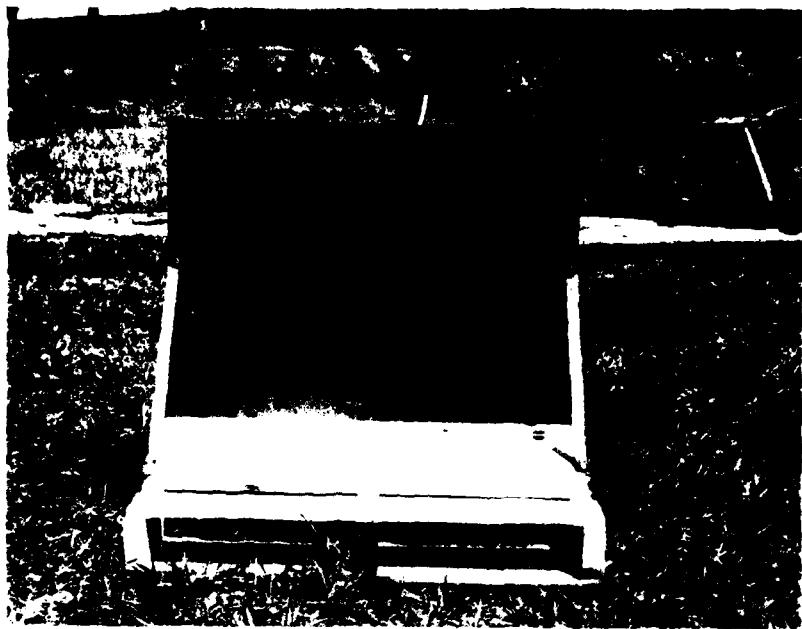
1-36  
(colored)

1-36 (colored).  
#19, shows bullet  
went through.



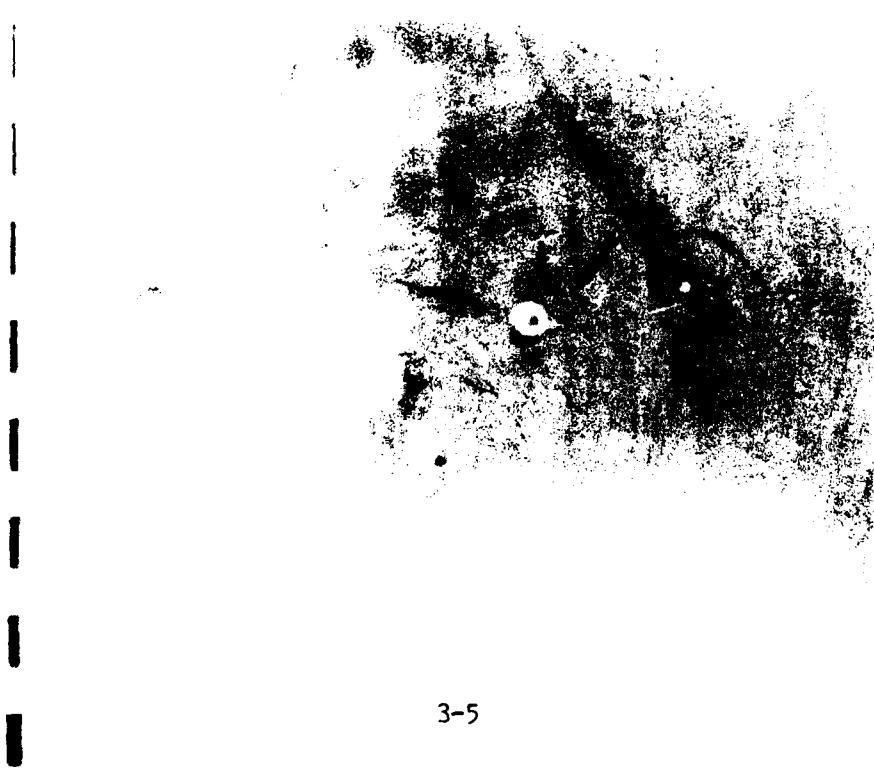
1-37  
(colored)

1- 37 (colored).  
#20, shows  
bullet did not  
put hole in plate.



3-1. 1/4-inch mild  
steel plate.

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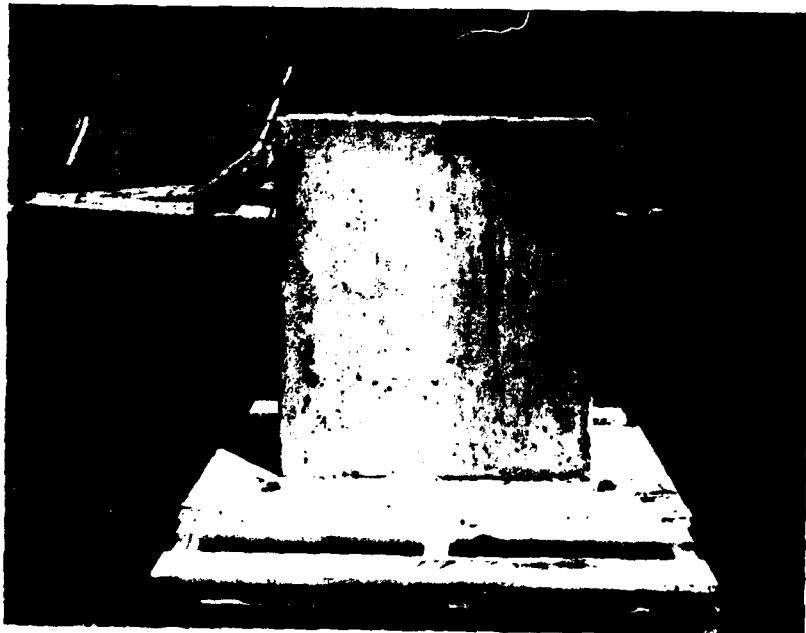
3-5. 1/4-inch mild  
steel plate.  
One shot went  
right through.

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3-15. Piece of 3/4" plywood placed 12" back of 1/4-inch mild steel plate. One shot went completely through plywood and spalled CMU wall behind.

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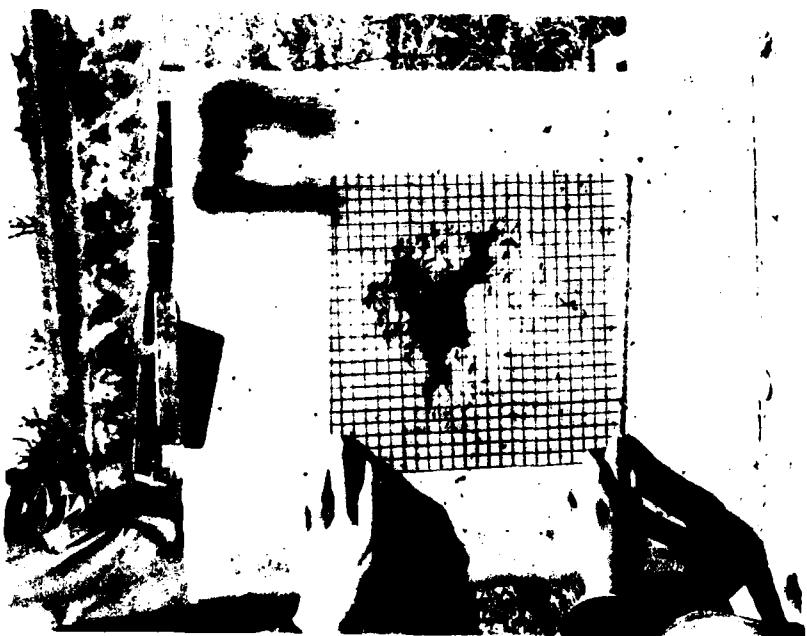
3-2. Wall #17. 8-inch concrete with 3000 psi compressive strength at 28 days.

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3-6. Wall #17. Single shot. Did not penetrate.  
Spall, 6 inches.  
Depth, 1.601 in.

3-6



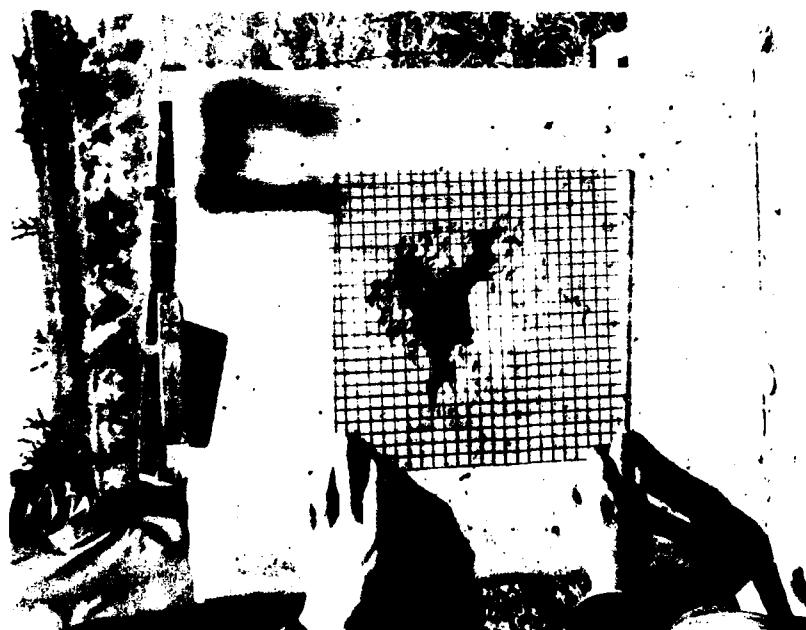
3-7. Wall #17. 4-shot burst. Did not penetrate. No cracks in rear face. Depth of penetration, 2.775 inches.

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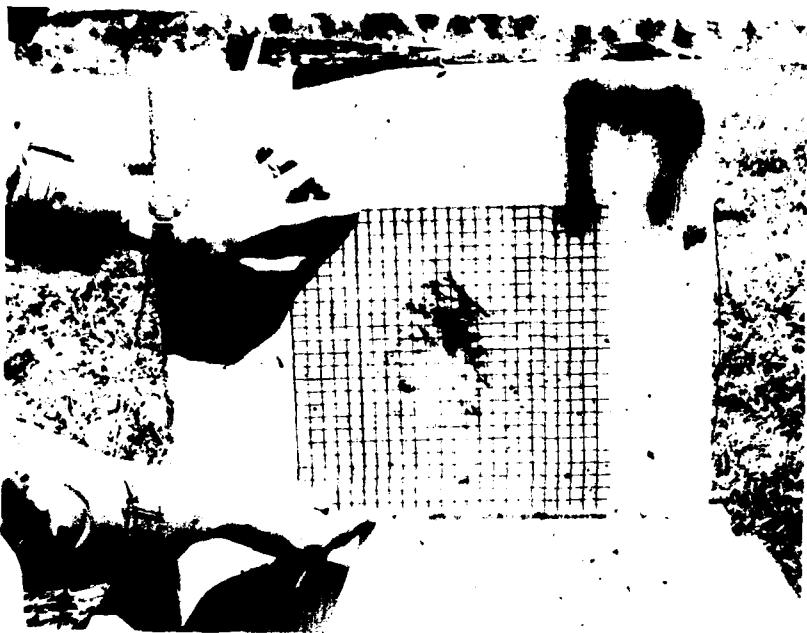
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Spall, 6 inches.  
Depth, 1.601 in.

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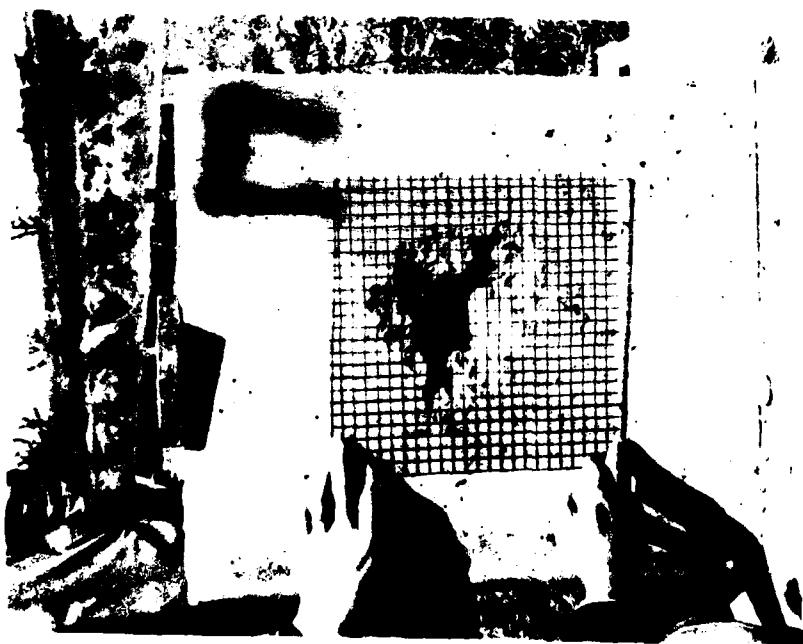
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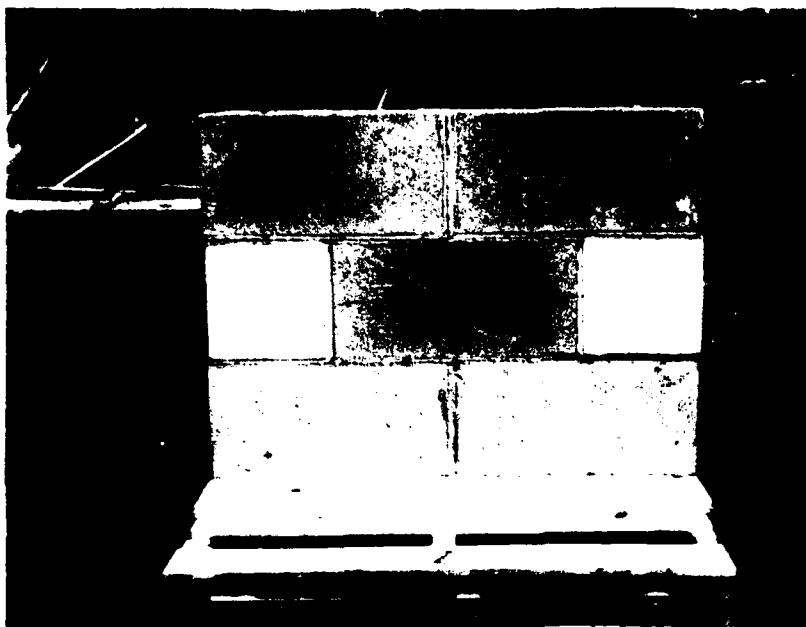
3-6. Wall #17. Single shot. Did not penetrate.  
Spall, 6 inches.  
Depth, 1.601 in.

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3-7. Wall #17. 4-shot burst. Did not penetrate. No cracks in rear face. Depth of penetration, 2.775 inches.

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3-3. Wall #1.  
4-2-6 CMU-CMU  
with 6-inch wythe  
filled with grout.

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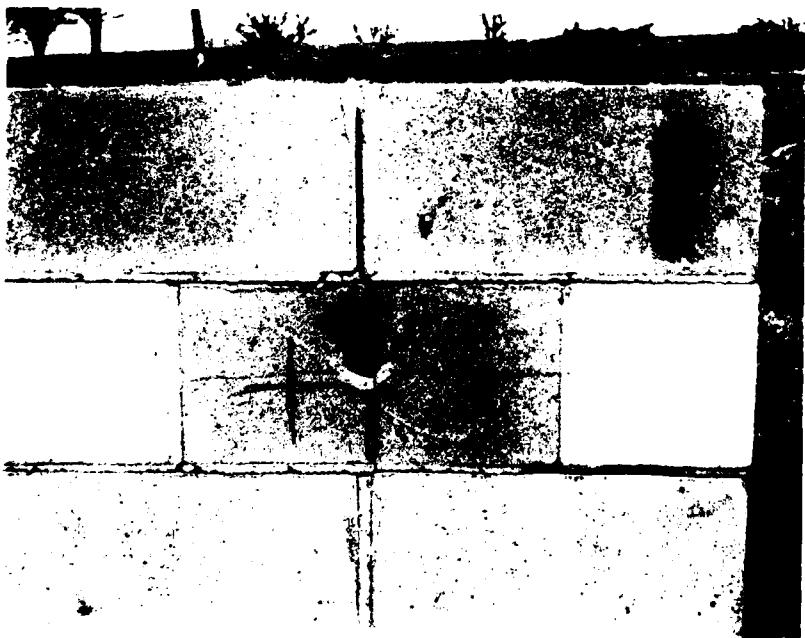
3-8. Wall #1. Single  
shot. Penetrated  
4-inch CMU and  
spalled 6-inch  
CMU.

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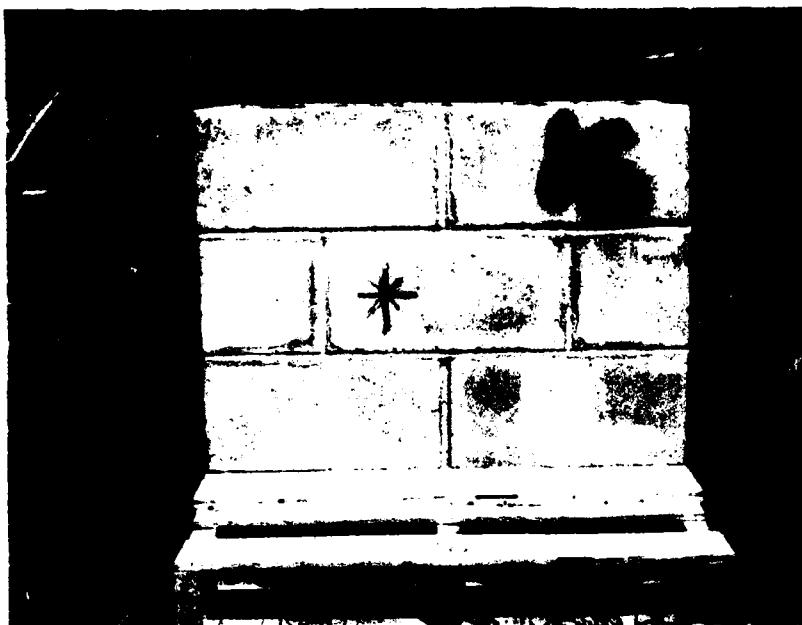
3-9. Wall #1. 4-shot burst penetrated 4-inch CMU. Did not penetrate 6-inch CMU. Put 7" spall in 6-in. CMU.

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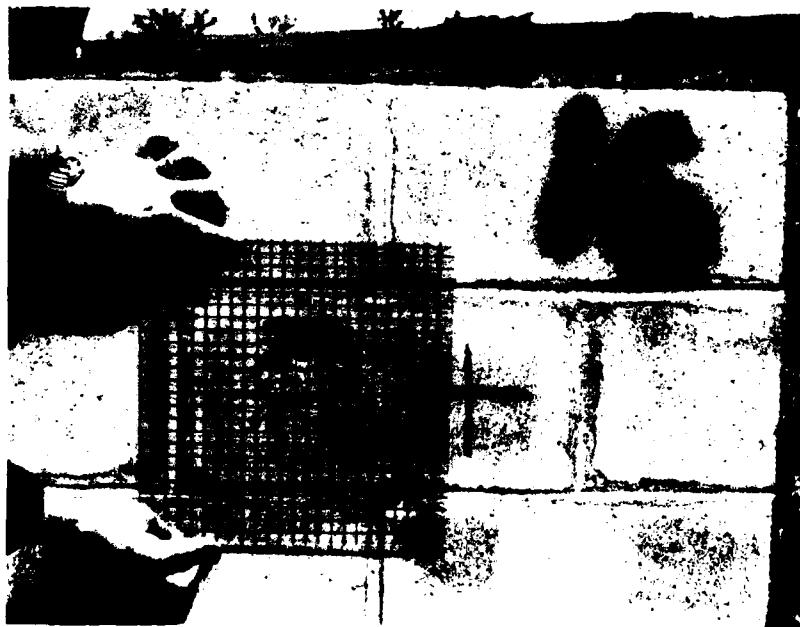
3-10. Wall #1. 4-shot burst. Crack in back of 6-inch CMU.

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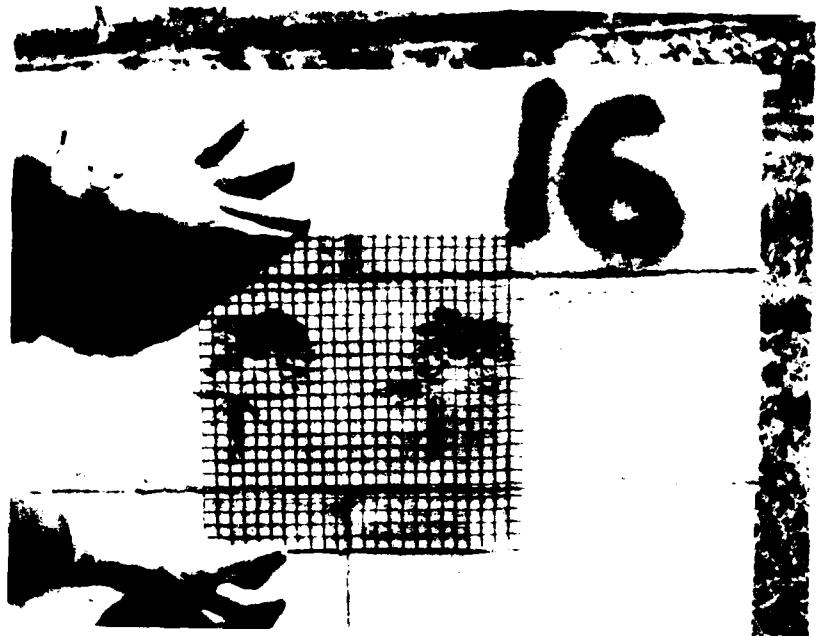
3-4. Wall #16.  
12-inch CMU.  
No fill.

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3-11. Wall #16. Single shot. Penetrated face shell. Did not penetrate back shell. No cracks in back of wall.

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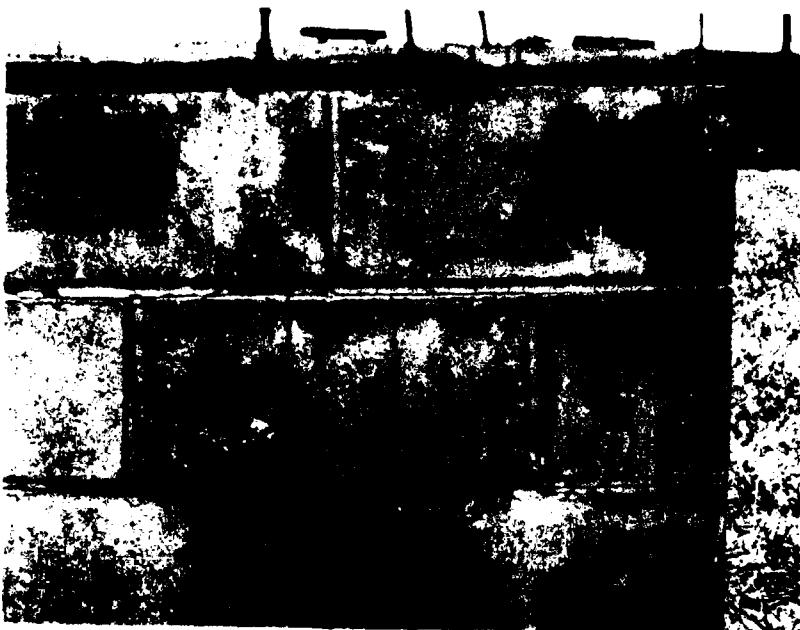
3-12. Wall #16.  
Single shot  
approximately  
8 inches from  
first shot.  
Same results as  
previous shot.

3-12



3-14. Wall #16.  
4-shot burst.  
Penetrated  
entire wall.

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3-13. Wall #16.  
4-shot burst.  
Back of wall  
shots hit web  
and still  
penetrated  
entire wall.

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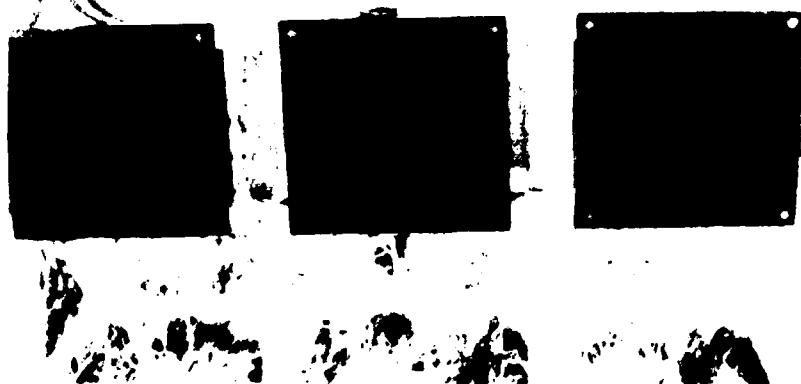
3-19. View of wall  
panels in place  
after tests  
are completed.

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4-1. Original view of Double Plates and Supports. Construction consists of 2 identical plates separated by a 2-in. air space. Plates are ASTM A-36. Starting from left, the plates are 1/4-in., 3/8-in., and 1/2-in.

4-1



4-2. Shows double plates above with a single shot at each plate. Single shot went through the first plate and did not penetrate the second plate in all cases.

4-2



4-3. Back side of Double Plate construction after single shot at each plate. Bulge is shown in the 1/4-in. plate arrangement. A slight bulge could be felt in the 3/8-in. arrangement. There was no bulge in the 1/2-in. plate.

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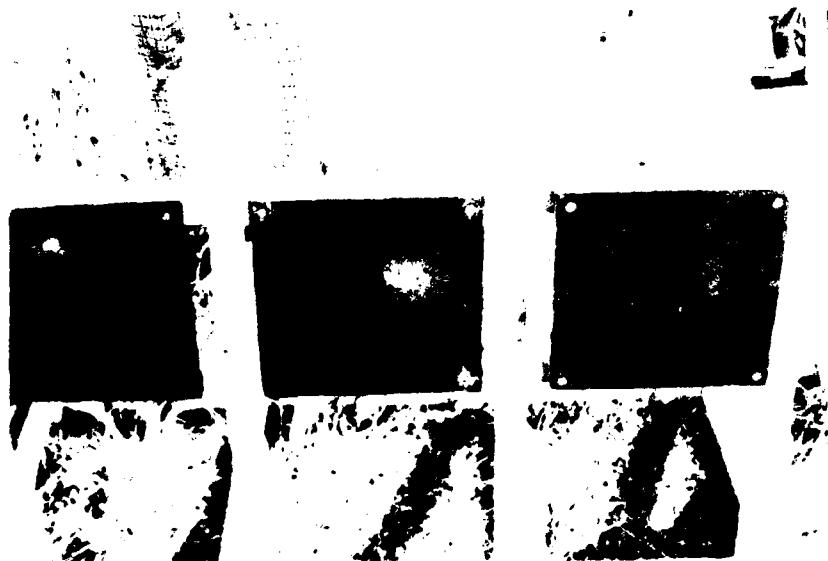
4-4. Second shot at the 1/4-in. double plate. Same results as first shot. Shots were approximately 2 inches apart.

4-4



4-5. Back side of double 1/4-in. plates after second shot. Same results as first shot.

4-5



5-1. View of single plates with a single shot fired at each. Left-most plate is 1/4-in. hardened steel (Astralloy) Brinell Hardness = 356. Single shot did not penetrate plate. It put a bulge in back side of plate. Center plate is 3/8-in. hardened steel (Astralloy) Brinnell Hardness = 299. It

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did not penetrate or put a bulge in back side. Right-most plate is 5/8-in. A-36 steel. Single shot did not penetrate, but did put a large bulge in back side of plate. Appeared to come very close to penetrating.

5-2. Three additional shots at  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. hardened steel and one additional shot at  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. hardened steel. Results were the same as the single shot in all cases. Two of the shots at the  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plate were  $1\frac{3}{4}$  in. apart. All shots at the  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. plate had small cracks in the indentation in front face.



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5-3. Back side of  $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. hardened steel after three additional shots. Bulges can be seen for each shot except first shot. It was high and cannot be seen because of top support.



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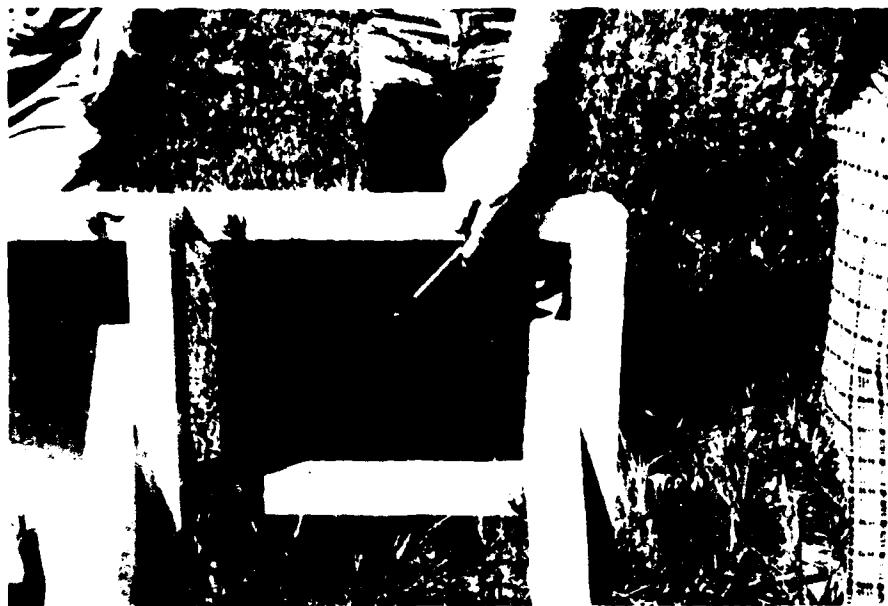
5-4. Back side of 5/8-in. thick A-36 after two shots. Shows bulge from both shots. Also shows there is no bulge in 3/8-in. hardened steel. A single shot was also made at a 3/4-in. A-36 plate. Results were same as 5/8-in. plate; however, bulge in the back side was not as great.

5-4



6-1  
(colored)

6-1. (Colored). An additional shot was made at the 1/4-in. hardened plate with a 30-06 round. It did not penetrate but it did put a bulge in the back side and the bulge had a crack in it. This round was fired for information only and is not part of the criteria. The 30-06 is a 150 grain soft-point hunting load with a velocity of 3100 fps.



6.2 (Colored).  
Back side of  
1/4-in. hard-  
ened plate  
showing crack  
in the bulge  
resulting from  
30-06 round.

6-2  
(colored)

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VII. APPENDIX A.

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**9 MAY 1978**Subject: Preparation of Panels for Tests of Bullet  
ResistanceProject: Air Force ConstructionIntended Use: -Source of Material: See "Materials"Submitted by: Chief, Engineering Division, Omaha DistrictDate Sampled: -, Date Received: 24 February 1978Method of Test or Specification: As indicatedReferences: Omaha District Letter Request dated 17 February 1978.INTRODUCTION

1. Certain structures to be designed by the Omaha District are to have some degree of resistance to penetration by a rifle bullet. In order to find the most economical method of construction, a number of sample panels were prepared by the Laboratory to be used for test firing. In accordance with the referenced request, sixteen wall panels of various masonry configurations, two reinforced concrete panels of different strength concrete, and two hardened steel plates of different thicknesses, were assembled. The work was coordinated with Mr. Harris, Design Br., Engrg Div, Omaha District.

MATERIALS2. Concrete Masonry Units.

a. Units were made by Ideal Concrete Products of Omaha, Nebraska. Units were normal weight concrete, whole and half block, in widths of 4, 6, 8, and 12-inches. Whole block were 2 core units for all widths.

b. Properties of the CMU, as determined in the Laboratory in accordance with ASTM-C 140, are as follows:

Unit weight, lb./cu. ft.	138.9
Water absorption, lb./cu. ft.	7.1
" " , percent	5.4
Compressive strength, psi	1930

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3. Brick. Brick was obtained from Watkins Concrete Block Co., Inc.; Omaha, Nebraska and was manufactured by Cantex Industries of Grimes or Redfield, Iowa. Brick was intended to meet ASTM-C 62, Grade SW. Brick was not tested in the laboratory.

4. Masonry Joint Reinforcement. Joint reinforcement was obtained from Ideal Concrete Products, Omaha, Nebraska and was truss design, zinc coated, No. 9 wire. Only 8-inch, 2 wire reinforcement was available, and for the cavity wall panels two sections of reinforcement were placed transversely.

5. Masonry Cement. Masonry cement from Ash Grove Cement Co. was used for both mortar and grout.

6. Portland Cement. Portland cement was Type II from Ash Grove Cement Co.; Louisville, Nebraska.

7. Sand. Sand for mortar and grout was from Holliday Sand and Gravel Co.; Edwardsville, Kansas. This is a natural sand used as a laboratory standard.

8. Steel. Steel plates were obtained from Paxton & Vierling Steel Co.; Omaha, Nebraska. Plates were approximately 10 by 12-inches, 1/4-inch and 3/8-inch thick. Plates are Warplis brand oil-hardening, non-warping, tool steel made by Teledyne Pittsburgh Tool Steel; Monaco, Pennsylvania. Analysis is as follows:

Carbon	0.95
Manganese	1.20
Silicon	0.25
Chromium	0.50
Tungsten	0.50
Vanadium	0.15

Plates were heat treated locally to produce a Brinell hardness of approximately 500.

#### PROCEDURE

9. Masonry Panels. Sixteen masonry panels were assembled on wood pallets. Plywood was nailed to the pallets, and the first course of brick or CMU fastened to the plywood with a cement used for panelling. Panels were 32-inches wide, 24-inches high, and of varying widths.

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a. Panel configurations are as follows:

Panel No.	Exterior Wythe	Cavity, inches	Interior Wythe	Wythe Filled With Grout
1	4-in. CMU	2	6-in. CMU	Int.
2	"	"	"	None
3	"	"	8-in. CMU	Int.
4	"	"	"	None
5	6-in. CMU	"	"	Int.
6	"	"	"	None
7	"	"	6-in. CMU	Int. & Ext.
8	"	"	"	None
9	Brick	"	"	Int.
10	"	"	"	None
11	"	"	8-in. CMU	Int.
12	"	"	"	None
13	-	-	"	Yes
14	-	-	"	No
15	-	-	12-in. CMU	Yes
16	-	-	"	No

b. Mortar was proportioned to comply with ASTM-C 270, Type S. Sand was brought to a moisture condition of 1 percent above saturated-surface dry for all tests. Proportions and properties of the mortar are as follows:

	Volume	Weight
Sand	4 1/2 parts	1321g.
Masonry cement	1 part	181g.
Portland cement	1/2 part	106g.
Water (W/C = 0.54)		155g.
Flow, percent	131	
Flow after suction, percent	99	
Compressive strength, 28-day moist cured, psi	2950	

c. Grout for filling cells in the CMU's was proportioned to comply with ASTM-C 476, Type PM. Sand was brought to a moisture condition of 1% above saturated-surface dry for all tests. Proportions and properties of the grout are as follows:

	Volume	Weight
Sand	6 parts	1321g.
Masonry cement	1 part	136g.
Portland cement	1 part	158g.
Water (W/C = 0.54)		159g.

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Flow, percent	135
Flow after suction, percent	96
Compressive strength, 28-day, moist cured, psi	2400

10. Concrete Panels. Two concrete panels were cast and were identical except for the proportions of the concrete. Dimensions were 24-inches high, 21-inches wide, and 8-inches thick. Panels were cast in plywood forms. Reinforcing consisted of 2-No. 4 bars in each direction spaced 1-foot on centers. The panels were moist cured with burlap and plastic for 7-days after casting, then exposed to laboratory air. The panels were cemented to plywood on pallets in the same manner as the masonry panels. Concrete was proportioned to yield 3000 and 5000 psi at 28-days. All materials are laboratory standard. Proportions and properties are as follows:

	<u>3000 psi</u>	<u>5000 psi</u>
Cement, Type II, lb.	100	100
Coarse agg., 1" max., lb.	504	397
Fine agg., lb.	405	282
Water, lb.	61	47
W/C	0.61	0.47
Cement content, cwt./cu. yd.	3.62	4.75
Sand, percent of agg.	45	42
Slump, inches	3 1/2	3 1/2
Air content, percent	6.9	5.7
Compressive strength, psi		
28-day moist cured	3160	4520
7-day moist, 45-day air	3290	4600

11. Steel Panels. The two steel panels were mounted on separate wood stands. Mounting holes were drilled before heat treating.

12. Pallets were loaded on two trucks furnished by the Omaha District Maintenance Base on 20 April 1978.

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